

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS, COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS
IN ASCENDING ORDER WITH STATUS INDICATOR

Please amend the following claims as indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A foam sheet for a car interior member, said foam sheet comprising

a modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet having an open cell ratio of 60 to 85% as a whole, and

modified polyphenylene ether-based resin sheets integrally laminated on both faces of the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet,

wherein the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet comprises (1) a foamed layer and (2) pore portions formed in a single face of said foam sheet so as to be open in said face,

wherein the foam layer comprises an open cell layer having an open cell ratio of 70% or more,

wherein the ratio of the total opening area of the pore portions to the surface of the foam sheet is from 2 to 50%,

wherein the opening end area of the pore portions is from 0.2 to 40 mm², ~~and~~

wherein the pore portions are (A) specifically shaped and have a depth to induce the vibration energy of sounds into the open cells of the open cell layer of the foam sheet, and (B)

opened to the surfaces of the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin sheets,

wherein said modified polyphenylene ether-based resin sheets contain no cells,

wherein the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin constituting the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin sheet has a glass transition temperature T_g 10 to 40°C lower than a glass transition temperature T_g of the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin constituting the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet, and

wherein said foam sheet is used as a car interior member which is formed by thermal molding of said foam sheet.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) The foam sheet for a car interior member according to claim 1 or 2, wherein a surface sheet made of nonwoven cloth comprising a form-keeping fiber and a thermoplastic resin fiber is integrally laminated on the face in which the pore portions are formed in the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet.

4. (Original) The foam sheet for a car interior member according to claim 1, wherein a foamed layer of the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet has an open cell layer made mainly of open cells, and the pore portions reach the open cell layer.

5. (Original) The foam sheet for a car interior member according to claim 1, wherein a foamed layer of the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet is made only of an open cell layer made mainly of open cells.

6. (Original) The foam sheet for a car interior member according to claim 1, wherein in a foamed layer of the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet, closed cell layers made mainly of closed cells are formed on both faces of an open cell layer made mainly of open cells, and the pore portions reach the open cell layer.

7. (Canceled).

8. (Original) The foam sheet for a car interior member according to claim 6, wherein the thickness of the closed cell layers is from 1 to 25% of the thickness of the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet.

9. (Canceled).

10. (Canceled).

11. (Original) The foam sheet for a car interior member according to claim 1, wherein the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin which constitutes the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet comprises 15 to 60% by weight of a phenylene ether component and 40 to 85% by weight of a styrene component.

12. (Currently Amended) The foam sheet for a car interior member according to claim-2 1, wherein the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin which constitutes the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin sheet comprises 10 to 50% by weight of a phenylene ether component and 50 to 90% by weight of a styrene component.

13. (Currently Amended) The foam sheet for a car interior member according to claim-2 1, wherein the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin sheet comprises a rubber component.

14. (Original) The foam sheet for a car interior member according to claim 3, wherein the form-keeping fiber is at least one fiber selected from the group consisting of glass fiber, carbon fiber, basalt fiber and natural fiber and further the melting point T_m (°C) of the thermoplastic resin fiber and the glass transition temperature T_g (°C) of the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin which constitutes the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet satisfy the following expression:

$$T_g - 65^{\circ}\text{C} \leq T_m \leq T_g + 40^{\circ}\text{C}.$$

15. (Original) The foam sheet for a car interior member according to claim 3, wherein the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet and the surface sheet are integrated with each other through an adhesive layer.

16. (Original) The foam sheet for a car interior member according to claim 15, wherein the whole of the surface sheet is impregnated with an adhesive which constitutes the adhesive layer.

17. (Original) The foam sheet for a car interior member according to claim 1, wherein a skin material is integrally laminated on one face of the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet, and further an abnormal noise preventing member is integrally laminated on the other face of the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet.

18. (Currently Amended) A car interior member which is obtained by thermally-molding the foam sheet for a car interior member according to any one of claims 1, ~~2~~, ~~4-6~~, ~~thru~~ 8-13 and 17.

19. (Currently Amended) The car interior member according to any one of claims 1, ~~2~~, ~~4-6~~, ~~thru~~ 8-13 and 17, which is a car ceiling member.

20. (Previously Presented) The foam sheet for a car interior member according to claim 1, wherein the pore portions have a depth from 10 to 95% of the thickness of the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet.

21. (Previously Presented) The foam sheet for a car interior member according to claim 1, wherein the pore portions have one or more shapes selected from the group consisting of a polygon shape, a round shape and an elliptic shape.

22. (New) A foam sheet for a car interior member, said foam sheet comprising a modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet having an open cell ratio of 60 to 85% as a whole,

wherein the modified polyphenylene ether-based resin foam sheet comprises (1) a foamed layer and (2) pore portions formed in a single face of said foam sheet so as to be open in said face,

wherein the foam layer comprises an open cell layer having an open cell ratio of 70% or more,

wherein the ratio of the total opening area of the pore portions to the surface of the foam sheet is from 2 to 50%,

wherein the opening end area of the pore portions is from 0.2 to 40 mm²,

wherein the pore portions are specifically shaped and have a depth to induce the vibration energy of sounds into the open cells of the open cell layer of the foam sheet, and

wherein said foam sheet is used as a car interior member which is formed by thermal molding of said foam sheet.